

ABSTRACT

A radio communication method is provided that enables the TFC pointer of a communication terminal apparatus to be made to match the TFC pointer of a radio base station apparatus.

5 A mobile station changes its TFC pointer in line with a determined TFC and also transmits a TFCI at point in time t_3 . The base station checks the TFCI and updates its own TFC pointer so as to match with the TFC indicated by the TFCI. The base station determines a new TFC pointer, generates an up/down/keep signal

10 by comparing the new TFC pointer with the updated TFC pointer, and transmits this signal at point in time t_5 . The mobile station updates the TFC pointer it is holding based on the up/down/keep signal received at point in time t_6 . As a result, the TFC pointers of both stations can be made to match even if the mobile station

15 receives an up/down/keep signal erroneously at point in time t_2 .